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Island Insight



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MCRP Interns Conduct Out-Briefings to End Session:

Four months of learning and hard work came to an end April 19 for 15 Minority College Relations Program interns after each out-briefed a general officer on their accomplishments within the Army Sustainment Command and Joint Munitions Command. Brig. Gen Kevin G. O'Connell, commanding general, Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command/Joint Munitions

Command, RIA, watched the interns conduct their out-briefings in the ASC commanding general's conference room. Assisting O'Connell were Col. Scott Lofreddo, chief of staff, ASC, and Susan McKinnis, chief, Installation Contracting Division, Army Contracting Command. The internships began Jan. 7. The ASC/JMC MCRP mission is to develop collaborative programs within the commands, allowing minority institutions to participate in the

programs and enhance the future readiness of each through these partnerships. The vision statement calls for expanding mutually beneficial partnering opportunities between the Army and minority educational institutions. ([More](#))



Town Hall Notice: To all Rock Island Arsenal military and civilian employees – Brig. Gen. John Wharton, RIA Senior Mission Commander and ASC Commanding General, will present a RIA Installation Town Hall on Wednesday, **May 1**, 1:30-3 p.m., in Heritage Hall (Bldg. 60). The topic of the Town Hall is "The Future of RIA." Seating is limited to 500 personnel, first come, first serve basis. For those who prefer to watch from their computers, [live streaming video is available](#). Following the Town Hall, please join Brig. Gen. Wharton and RIA Senior Leaders at a **No Host Social**, Arsenal Island Golf Course clubhouse beginning at 3 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact [Billie Edwards](#), chief, Executive Support Services and Protocol Officer.



Command Spotlight: Army Health Clinic: The U.S. Army Health Clinic-Rock Island Arsenal is one of four remote clinics managed by Ireland Community Hospital, located at Fort Knox, Ky. The Rock Island Arsenal clinic



provides medical services for members of the military, dependents and veterans who live near the Arsenal.

The overall mission of the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, or MEDDAC, is to optimize wellness and military readiness by providing holistic, patient-centered health services with care, compassion and skill. The Arsenal Health Clinic's specific mission is to provide occupational health services to Department of the Army civilians, provide outpatient services for active-duty service members and dependents, and provide family advocacy and support for the military community. ([More](#))

Arsenal General Gets Promotion,

New Assignment: Brigadier General Kevin O'Connell, commanding general of the Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command/Joint Munitions Command on Rock Island Arsenal, has been promoted to Major General and will be assigned to deputy chief of staff, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort Bragg, N.C. O'Connell's military education includes the



Upcoming Dates

April 27-May 4: National Infant Immunization Week

April 28-May 5: National Safe Kids Week

April 29: Distracted Driving Awareness Day

April 29-May 3: #QuadCitiesWeek

April 29-May 3: National Air Quality Awareness Week

May 1: National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

May 1-7: Physical Education and Sport Week

May 3: Children's Mental Health Awareness Day

May 4: Free Comic Book Day

May 4: National Join Hands Day

May 5: Cinco de Mayo

May 5: National Infertility Survival Day

May 5-11: Public Service Recognition Week [📅](#)

May 5-11: North American Occupational Safety & Health Week

May 5-11: Wildfire Awareness Week

May 5-11: Arson Awareness Week

May 5-11: National Drinking Water Week

May 6-10: National Teacher Week

May 6-12: Be Kind to Animals Week

May 7: National Teacher Day

May 8: Take a Future Fed to Work Day [📅](#)

May 10: Military Spouse Appreciation Day [📅](#)

May 11: USPS Stamp Out Hunger Day

May 11: National Train Day

May 11-18: AmeriCorps Week

May 11-19: Armed Forces Week

May 11-19: National Travel and Tourism Week

May 12: Mother's Day

May 12-18: National Police Week

May 12-18: National Women's Health Week

May 18: 6th Annual Quad Cities Armed Forces Day Celebration [📅](#)

May 18: Armed Forces Day [📅](#)

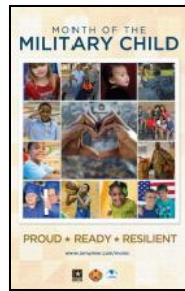
May 18: U.S. Government Debt-Ceiling Deadline

May 27: Memorial Day (*Federal Holiday*)



Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Army Services Staff School, the Army Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. ([More](#))

Celebrate Army Families: Our nation's army is composed of dedicated and selfless serving soldiers and families who live their lives focused on the inherently positive values that make our military and America strong. The sons and daughters of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coast guardsmen stand in unwavering support of their parents, often enduring long overseas deployments, in service to our nation. ([More](#))



Army Seeks Round of Base Closure, Realignment for 2015: The Army says a round of base realignment and closure for fiscal year 2015 is necessary to save tax dollars, consolidate resources and adapt to force reductions. With a



smaller total force over the next years -- from a high of 570,000 in 2010 to 490,000 in 2017 -- the Army's need for facilities will also decrease, said Katherine Hammack, the Army's assistant secretary for Installations, Energy and Environment. "The resulting force structure reduction will create excess capacity at several installations," she testified to the Senate Armed Services Committee, subcommittee on readiness and management support, April 24, 2013. ([More](#))

A Rush to Soften Impact of Sequester:

With the Federal Aviation Administration attributing about 1,000 daily flight delays to air traffic controller furloughs, Congress rushed through a bill late last week to let the agency tap other funding sources to put employees back to work. And lawmakers continued to press the Defense Department, the government's largest civilian employer, to further reduce or eliminate planned furloughs and other cutbacks for most of its workforce. "It is increasingly clear that these actions are threatening to undermine mission performance and, as



a result, mission readiness," a bipartisan group of 126 House members wrote in a letter to Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel. ([More](#))

At Pentagon, Need for Furloughs Varies Among Services:

Through months of hand-wringing over automatic budget cuts facing the federal government, the Defense Department has insisted that most of its 800,000 civilian employees will feel the same pain if the department decides to furlough its workers. But as the Pentagon approaches its planned date in early May for issuing notices to begin furloughs in June, it faces pressure from inside and outside the department to rethink its plans. ([More](#))



Bill Would Require All Federal Employees to Use Health Exchanges:

House Republicans have introduced a bill that would require all federal employees to purchase health insurance through the health insurance exchanges created by the Affordable



Care Act, The Hill reports. The measure (H.R. 1780), introduced on April 26 by Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp (R-Mich.) and four other GOP leaders, would require that all federal employees -- including the president, vice president and Cabinet members -- purchase coverage through the marketplaces, according to the report. ([More](#))

Sequestration Could Cause Delays in Retirement Processing, OPM Says:

Sequestration is already on track to claim a chunk from furloughed federal employees' paychecks. Now, the across-the-board budget cuts could cause delays in the processing of feds' retirement benefits. The Office of Personnel Management says sequestration cuts have forced the agency to curtail call-center hours and to suspend overtime hours for its Retirement Services employees. ([More](#))



Resumption of DPW Services as of May 1: Rock Island Arsenal-Garrison has received additional funding and is able to resume some Directorate of Public Works services. Effective **May 1**,

services for the elevator and heating and air conditioning systems will resume. All elevators will be put back in service and air conditioning will be made ready and available for the cooling season. However, there is still uncertainty if sufficient funds are available to make major repairs if equipment fails. Questions? (309) 782-3456.

3rd Annual RIA Prayer Breakfast:

All RIA employees are invited to attend the annual prayer breakfast held in Bldg. 60, Heritage Hall. Special guest speaker: Phil Stacey. Free tickets can be picked up at ASC/JMC/First Army chaplain's offices or at Army Community Service. Ten parking spaces, spaces 49-58 in lot 3-B behind Bldg. 360, will be reserved from 5:30 to 8:30 a.m. Thursday in support of a Prayer Breakfast in Heritage Hall. Please call (309) 782-0910 for more info.

Date: **Thursday, May 2**

Time: **6:30-8 a.m.**



Central Heating Plant Shutdown: On **May 6**, at 7 a.m., Public Works plans to begin a coordinated shutdown of the Central Heating Plant for the summer.

Process steam for JMTC operations will be provided by gas boilers in Bldg. 220 and Bldg. 299. After the shutdown, no steam will be available for comfort heating; however, the long term forecast indicates minimal heating requirements. Public Works will coordinate with their mechanical contractor to minimize the effects of cooler outside air. For the next one-two weeks, if an area is experiencing cooler than expected morning temperatures, contact Public Works at (309) 782-2387 or (309) 782-2388 for help in improving comfort levels.

VIOS Schedule for May: Official DA Studio Photography (DA, government passport and command photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal

May 7, 8 and 9.

Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA3903 Work Request Using the

[Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for these available times: Tuesday, **May 7**, 7 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.; Wednesday, **May 8**, 7 a.m. – 3:40 p.m., and Thursday, **May 9**, 7 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" for more



information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 56, basement, by elevator). Priority is: 1. Active duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - command photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. To obtain an official government passport photo: 1. Schedule a passport photo appointment at the RIA VIOS website. 2. Go to Transportation to obtain a printed DA form 3903, Multi-Media/Visual Information Work Order, signed by the passport agent in Block 14. 3. Present that DA3903 form to the photographer before the passport photo is taken. You will receive two 2" x 2" passport photos. All scheduled dates can be found on the RIA VIOS website FAQ.

"Let's Celebrate Our Mothers": [Q-C Women In Action](#) will be hosting a special dinner in honor of mothers and motherhood. Honor your mother, wife, aunt, sister or grandmother by bringing her out for an evening full of entertainment, food and fun. Tickets are \$10 per person or two for \$18.

Date: **Saturday, May 11**
Time: **6 p.m.**

AUSA Military Appreciation Night: In coordination with Rock Island Arsenal AUSA Chapter 5102, the 2013 AUSA Military Appreciation Night will take place at Modern Woodmen Park in Davenport, Saturday, **May 11**, beginning at 6 p.m. The event will feature a tribute to our Vietnam veterans in addition to also honoring our military spouses. There will be a signing of the Quad Cities Military Community Covenant honoring our Soldiers, veterans, military and their families. Free tickets for all active military personnel, Guard, reserve, retired, veterans, DoD civilians & their families. Tickets may be picked up at the MWR Travel & Leisure office on the Rock Island Arsenal or at any Quad City Hy-Vee store. Go to www.ria-ausa.org for more details. ([More](#))



Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop and Boutique: Arsenal Attic now has things for men. Available for the sportsman: fully outfitted kayak, fishing lures, trout

net, camping gear? How about racks for weight lifters, tool kits, or golf clubs. Also, beautiful inlaid cedar chest and a day bed. POC: (309) 782-6977.

Installation Force Protection

Exercise: The USAG will be hosting the annual Full Scale Force Protection Exercise on **May 15**.

In order to make this event a success, volunteers are needed to act as role players. The exercise requires 25 volunteers to provide realistic training for RIA and community. Volunteers are needed from 7 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m. the day of the exercise and for a one-hour safety briefing **May 14**. POC is [Ed Peterson](#) at (309) 782-1756. Since this exercise is conducted during work hours, personnel should coordinate with their supervisors for authorization prior to contacting Peterson. As in past exercises, organizations will set their own leave authorizations. Lunch will not be provided so volunteers are asked to bring a lunch or purchase a premium boxed lunch from Sheridan's for \$6.95 that will be brought to the exercise location. Order forms will be available at the safety briefing on **May 14**.



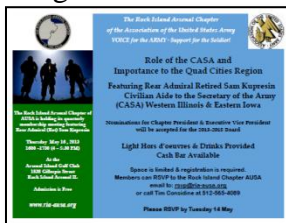
AUSA May General Membership

Meeting: Rock Island Arsenal AUSA Chapter 5102 is having a general membership meeting at the Arsenal Island Golf Course clubhouse, 4-5:30 p.m., Thursday, **May 16.**

Rear Adm. (Ret.) Sam Kupresin, newly invested Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA), will discuss the role and importance of the position to the QC Region. RIA AUSA nominations for president & executive vice president will be accepted for the 2013-2015 board. Light hors d'œuvres and drinks will be provided at no charge. Cash bar will be available. Space is limited, please RSVP by email to rsvp@ria-ausa.org by Tuesday, **May 14.** ([Flyer](#))

Corps of Engineers' Boating Safety

Class: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi River Project will be offering five different opportunities to attend a free boating safety education class. The classes will be held on **May 11.** Each

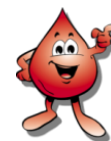


class will run 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and only one eight-hour class is required to complete your certification. This class is recommended for people who are new to boating on the Mississippi River, families that enjoy weekend boating adventures, or seasoned boaters who would just like to brush up on their safe boating knowledge. Anyone over the age of 12 can be certified. This is a classroom based safety course and will not include an on-the-water experience. Upon successful completion of the class and exam, participants will be issued an Illinois DNR Boat Safety certification which is honored in both Iowa and Illinois. These classes will be held at the Mississippi River Project Office at Locks and Dam 14 in Pleasant Valley, Iowa. Pre-registration is required, space is limited, and the classes fill quickly. To register, contact the park rangers at (309) 794-5338. ([More](#))

Blood Drive: The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Caisson Room (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, May 10, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time



you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. A **2nd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **6:15 p.m. on May 24.** A **3rd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on May 10.** To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor. ([Blood Transfusion En Route to Trauma Center Keeps Navy Vet Alive](#))



Charlie Corpuscle Says, "We will have a drawing for a red Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center polo. Any donors giving on the Arsenal during the month of May will be included in the drawing. Winner will be allowed to specify their size preference."



The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information click here.

2013 Vietnam Veterans

Remembrance Ceremony: Iowa will honor their Vietnam Veterans during a



remembrance ceremony to be held Tuesday, **May 7**, beginning at 12 p.m. at the Vietnam Memorial – located on the south side of the State Capitol in Des Moines. May 7 is the official Iowa Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, passed during the 2008 legislative session. The ceremony will include remembrance prayers, the laying of the traditional wreath, ceremonial music, and special guest speaker, Vietnam Veteran, Col. Ronald “Curly” Albrecht – the last veteran of the Vietnam War in the National Guard to retire. Please join us as we unite in remembrance of those who served, and those who sacrificed their lives for our country.

Review Your Official Personnel Folder Before June 1:

The CPAC reminds Arsenal Island employees that there is a need for you to access your eOPF (electronic Official Personnel Folder) record in order to ensure your records are correct and complete in advance of the destruction of the hard-copy OPF, currently scheduled for June 1. Effective Oct. 31, employees should have had access to their Official Personnel Folder electronically. Please review the information and follow the instructions



to gain access to view your eOPF in the links at the end of this announcement, which link to a packet that also contains a welcome letter for new eOPF users, a screen-shot guide to access, FAQs as well as password reset information. For questions or concerns with the eOPF system, please contact eOPF by calling the Help Desk at 1-866-275-8518 or by contacting them via email at eOPF_hd@telesishq.com. ([eOPF Welcome Letter & Packet](#)) ([Additional information on eOPF](#))

Garrison DPTMS Installation Security & Intelligence Office

Information: Garrison DPTMS Security & Intelligence Division ISIO regular office hours are Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. The ISIO will be closed at 12 p.m. every Wednesday for training/housekeeping. Fingerprints are completed by appointment only. Please call (309) 782-6611 or (309) 782-1369 for appointments. All system access requests are [to be emailed HERE](#). All JPAS visit requests are [to be emailed HERE](#). Please see the [Garrison Intranet Security & Intelligence page located](#)



[HERE](#). Please check back for more information. This page includes POC's, training videos and information about Personnel, Industrial, and Information Security. We are committed to working diligently as always to provide the best service possible. We are currently working with only two personnel in the office but will continue to working in a timely manner albeit with some increased processing times. More information on the impact of services due to furlough will be distributed in the near future. Points of contact for the ISIO are [Rhiannon Puckett](#), (309) 782.6611, acting chief; [Gregory Root](#), (309) 782.1369, is the alternate POC.

RIAWC Golf Tournament:

Cost is \$100/player. Registration includes: Green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, & dinner. Registration is open until all teams have been filled. Non-players can register for dinner only for \$23. Format: 4-Man Scramble (Best Ball). Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers along with prizes for designated holes. To register for golf, or RSVP for the dinner only, please contact [Tiffany Horvath](#), (907) 223-5430. If you



are interested in sponsoring or donating to this event, please contact Tiffany. Registration: 9-11 a.m. Shotgun start: 11 a.m. Banquet dinner: 6-8 p.m. Please join us ... Tuesday, **May 21**, Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club. The RIAWC is proud to partner with the Midwest Small Business Symposium to host the 2013 Charity Golf Outing ... open to all who want to have fun and support the RIAWC.

RIA AUSA 2013 Golf Outing & Steak Fry

The Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the AUSA will hold its 14th Annual Golf Outing & Steak Fry on Friday, **July 26**, at the beautiful Arsenal Island Golf Course. Players ... hurry and [register for this event](#). Only the first 40 teams will play! AUSA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization that supports America's Army – Active, National Guard, Reserve, Civilians, Retirees, Government Civilians, Wounded Warriors, Veterans, and their family members. Proceeds from this event are used to fund all of our Chapter activities including our Soldier & Family Support programs, wounded warrior programs,



veteran support initiatives, the USO/AUSA Emergency Relief Grant Program & the RIA AUSA Scholarship program. For thirty years, our Chapter has supported initiatives to strengthen the viability of the Arsenal, aide MWR & ACS programs, sponsor veteran support programs and we have contributed more than \$125,000 in the last two years for Soldier and Family needs. ([More](#))

Arsenal Island Employee Local

Discounts: *The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees –*

Bennigan's Rock Island:

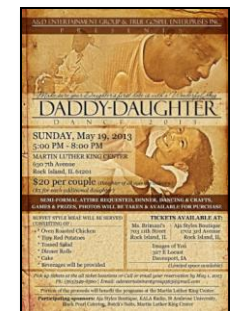
Arsenal employees, service men, service women you are always welcome at Bennigan's in Rock Island, and to show you how much your welcome here, we offer a 25 percent discount off your meal, any day any time ([📄](#)). **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** Arsenal Island employees, we're offering you a 20 percent discount on our services ([📄](#)). **Goebel Family Dentistry:** Active duty members of the military receive a 10 percent discount on all services. All other Arsenal civilian employees who are new patients can



receive either the free exam and x-rays or a free whitening treatment on their first visit ([📄](#)). **Sam's Club:** Come to an open house planned just for the Arsenal Island workforce, Sunday, **May 19**, 6-8 p.m., at the Davenport Sam's Club. Membership not required to participate. Special renewal and sign up membership offer for two hours only ([📄](#)). **Big Mouthz BBQ:** We're offering all public employees (city, county, state, and federal) \$1 off their order every Monday ([📄](#)). **Leadercast:** Tickets are available for \$110 per person; Arsenal employees and military personnel receive a special discount – use the discount code HOOAH when you register and your ticket price will be \$99 per person ([📄](#)). *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

Daddy/Daughter Dance:

Make sure your daughter's first date is with a wonderful guy; Daddy/Daughter Dance 2013, Sunday, **May 19**, 5-8 p.m., Martin Luther King Center, 630 7th Ave., Rock Island. \$20 per couple (daughters of



all ages are welcome; \$5 for each additional daughter) Semi-formal attire requested, dinner, dancing and crafts, games and prizes, photos will be taken and available for purchase. Call or [email](#) your reservation by **May 1**; (563) 349-8560. The intent of this message is to establish working relationships with the Soldiers in the community and increase their awareness of community-related events. Additional questions can be emailed to [Dwayne Hodges](#).

American Cancer Society, Relay for Life of Rock Island County: Help make a world with more birthdays. Celebrate with survivors, remember and honor those who are no longer with us. Relay for Life, Browning Field, Moline, **Sept. 14-15**, 3 p.m. – 7 a.m. For more information contact: Linda Reynolds, (309) 230-2492 or Jen Davis, (309) 337-9326. ([More](#))

Online Ordering, Lunch Delivery Service Now Available: Having a hard time breaking away from work for lunch, let us come to you. Log onto www.deliver2yourdesk.com and order anything available in the Bldg. 60 cafeteria (including Káva Café) to be delivered straight to your office. Breakfast delivery available Monday – Friday, 6-8:30 a.m., lunch delivery

available 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Káva Café delivery available 6 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Please allow 20-30 minutes for delivery. Call (309) 793-4337 for more info.

Opening Day for the Season at the Colonel Davenport House: The Colonel Davenport House, located on the North end of Arsenal Island, is opening for the season and welcomes everyone to tour the house and grounds starting Thursday, **May 2**, 12-4 p.m. It is open each week through the end of October on Thursday-Sunday from 12-4 p.m.

Arsenal Traffic/Construction

North Avenue Repair & Closures Update: Directorate of Public Works is postponing storm sewer and paving work on the intersection of North Avenue and Gillespie until **March-May** due to weather concerns. Minor work on Phases 1 and 2 is expected to be completed within the next two weeks. Please avoid walking through the newly backfilled areas, as these areas are soft and pose a potential safety hazard. POC: Joe Gumpert, (309) 782-1389.

Building/Space Closures

Closure of Third Floors in Bldg. 61, Bldg. 62: The Directorate of Public Works plans to close Bldg. 61 3rd floor and Bldg. 62 3rd floor, East and South Wings, **Sept. 10 - 3rd week in May** to execute projects. Closure is to prevent individuals from entering the work area and to preclude any potential accidents. Plastic enclosures will be installed from the passenger elevator in Bldg. 62 to the eastern most stairwell in Bldg. 61 so employees in Bldg. 62/3/W have an entry/exit pathway. Entries will be marked with signage and barriers to prevent entry.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone

Mil-To-Mil Couples Must Now 'Opt-In' to Family SGLI Coverage: Service members married to other service members are no longer automatically enrolled in the Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program, Pentagon officials said. They must now opt into the coverage. The change was effective Jan. 2, and to date affects about 4,500 service members, said Coast Guard Cmdr. Kristen Martin, who heads



the Defense Department's SGLI policy office. She spoke during an interview with American Forces Press Service and the Pentagon Channel. ([More](#))

Reclass Now, Save Your Career: A new program gives senior commanders the authority to re-enlist some soldiers in overstrength military occupational specialties who otherwise may reclassify or leave the Army. The Commanders Allocation Process is a prime example of how commanders will continue to play a critical role in the re-enlistment process during a drawdown that is expected to see the Regular Army shrink by another 50,000 soldiers in four years. ([More](#))

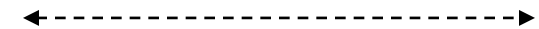
Illinois Military Family Relief Fund: On April 14, Governor Pat Quinn marked the 10-year anniversary of the Illinois Military Family Relief Fund (IMFRF) by encouraging everyone in Illinois to take advantage of the voluntary tax check-off that helps military families who are struggling financially during deployment. Though the tax filing deadline has now past, donations to the fund can still be made by visiting OperationHomefront.org. Checks can be made payable to the Illinois Military Family Relief and mailed to: The Illinois Department of

Military Affairs, ATTN: IMFRF, 1301 N. MacArthur Boulevard, Springfield, Illinois 62702-2399. ([More](#))

Lawmakers Seek Opening to Make Changes to UCMJ: Outrage over an Air Force officer's decision to overturn a jury's guilty verdict in a sexual assault case has Republicans and Democrats joining forces on ambitious legislation to change the military justice system. On both sides of the Capitol, lawmakers have interpreted Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel's recent proposal to essentially strip commanding officers of their ability to reverse criminal convictions of service members as an opening to revise the decades-old Uniform Code of Military Justice. ([More](#))

2013 Army Posture Statement:
Landpower for the Nation: America's Army is the best-trained, best-equipped and best-led fighting force in the world, providing a credible and capable instrument of national power. Army forces play a fundamental role in all but one of the missions specified by the defense strategic guidance, Sustaining U.S. Global Leadership: Priorities for 21st Century Defense. The Army's ability to provide strategic landpower for the nation makes it uniquely suited

to meet these requirements. Army forces are tailorable and scalable to meet mission requirements. The Army's ability to rapidly deploy task organized forces, from company to corps level over extended distances, sustain them and deliver precise, discriminate results is unmatched. Highly ready, responsive and capable ground forces prevent conflict through deterrence, by shaping combatant commanders' operational environment and, when necessary, winning the nation's wars. ([More](#))



Safety Spotlight



What Would You Do to Save a Life?: Knowing your father caused a serious auto accident while driving under the influence is something you never forget. As children, we're taught right from wrong by our parents or a responsible adult in our lives. Then, as teenagers and into adulthood, it's up to us to remember what we learned about things such as drinking and driving. We understand it has severe consequences for the person behind the wheel and others. We know we should drive safely to protect ourselves, our passengers and other motorists. Our parents, driver's education instructors and others stress



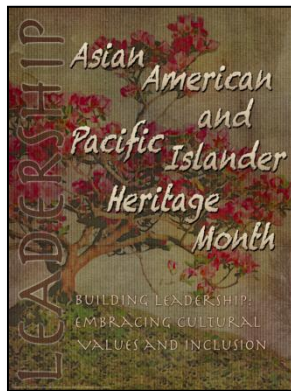
safety on the road and the dangers of drinking and driving. ([More](#))

Equal Opportunity Focus

RIA 2013 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Observance: The

2013 Rock Island Arsenal's Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Observance on **May 3, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**, at the Baylor Conference Room, Bldg

103. The guest speaker will be Jerry D. De La Cruz. De La Cruz is the Army Sustainment Command's G8, Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management. He will be speaking on this year's theme "Building Leadership: Embracing Cultural Values and Inclusion." Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, now officially proclaimed "Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month," is a celebration of the culture, traditions, and history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Congress



passed a joint Congressional Resolution in 1978 to commemorate Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week during the first week of May. This date was chosen because two important anniversaries occurred during this time: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in America on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad (by many Chinese laborers) on May 10, 1869. In 1990 Congress voted to expand it from a week to a month long celebration. In May 1992, the month of May was permanently designated as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month." Every member of the island and their families are invited to attend the observance. The observance is available in [TEDs](#). To register please use keyword "2013 Asian Pacific American." For more information on Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month please visit the [Federal Asian Pacific American Council](#). For additional information or special accommodations contact [Sgt. First Class Raymond Gonzalez](#), ASC Equal Opportunity Advisor, (309) 782-3021.

Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

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(MWR): Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs. Also [click here](#) to become a fan on Facebook, or Twitter [@golf1897](#), and stay up to date on all the great MWR offerings here at the Arsenal.

Trivia Night at the Arsenal Club

(Bldg. 60): Join us Friday, **May 3**, at 6 p.m., for our monthly trivia night presented by Mixx Master Entertainment. This new, fun multimedia format will test your knowledge on a variety of topics ranging from world history and literature to pop culture and sports. The cost is \$5/player or \$30 for a table of eight, maximum of eight players/team. Prizes for winning teams and lots of other door prizes and drawings as well. Call (309) 782-6319 for more info or to sign up. ([Flyer](#))

Mother's Day Brunch at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse:

Show Mom how much you care by treating her to a scrumptious brunch buffet Sunday, **May 12**, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the beautifully remodeled Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse. Cost for this all-you-care-to-eat buffet is \$21.75/adult, \$9.95/child (4-12) and children 3 & under eat free. ([Flyer w/ Full Menu](#))



Adult Softball League Now Forming:

Get your team together and start loosening up those arms because spring is here and that means softball season. League starts **May 27** and rosters are due on **May 20**. Maximum of 10 teams and cost is \$420/team. The league is an 18 week season with a single elimination tournament at the end. Please call (309) 782-5124 or stop by the Fitness Center for more info and to sign up. ([Flyer](#))

Ladies Golf League: Hey ladies, are you looking to join a golf league this summer that guarantees a weekly round of golf, meeting new people and lots of fun? We are looking for interest on the Island to form a 10-12 week league on Tuesday afternoons. If you are interested, please call (309) 782-4420 or reply to this email for more info.

Arsenal Island Golf Course

Clubhouse Reopening: The Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse is now open once again for lunch. The Clubhouse has resumed its normal hours of operation which are Tuesday - Friday 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Come see the renovations and



updates to the Club and try some of our tasty new menu items including an Italian Panini, fried egg sandwich, the BG burger (topped with ham and a fried egg) or our new "pick two lunch combo" where you get your choice of a ½ sandwich, salad or soup.

April is Spring Car Care Month:

Make sure your ride is tuned up and ready to hit the road this summer. All month long take advantage of our \$20 standard oil change special. Check out the [flyer](#) for more info and call (309) 782-8631 to schedule an appointment. Check out this [month's newsletter](#) for some great tips on car care and maintenance.

Garden Plots Still Available: Do you have a green thumb but no place to get your gardening fix? Call Outdoor Recreation at (309) 782-8630 and reserve one of the garden plots located here on the Island. Each plot is approximately 20' x 20' and the cost to rent it for the season is just \$25 with a refundable \$100 cleaning deposit.

Now Booking Graduation Parties at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse: If you're looking for a unique, historically significant and centrally located venue to host upcoming graduation parties,

look no further than the Golf Clubhouse. Our catering and banquet staff excel at making sure your event goes off without a hitch. Check out our [catering guide here](#) and call the catering manager at (309) 782-4372 to reserve your date as the schedule is filling up fast.

Electronic Marquee Outage: The operating system used to update the outdoor marquee signs on either side of the Island has become obsolete and inoperable. Consequently no requests for messages can be fulfilled and the signs have been shut off at this time. The Garrison is working towards a solution and a future message will be sent out as information becomes available about whether the signs can be repaired or replaced.

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MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 60. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., (309) 782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

Mount Olympus Waterpark: One of the world's largest wave pools, some of the fastest rivers and steepest slides make Mount Olympus is the best attraction for outdoor summer time fun.



Wristbands on sale for \$28, a \$11.99 savings.

Shedd Aquarium/Field Museum:

Leisure Travel has planned a bus trip to Shedd Aquarium or the Field Museum in Chicago. We will provide round trip transportation on a chartered motor coach; ½ hour stop to and from destination. Bring snacks and beverages (no alcohol permitted) along for the ride. Cost is \$41 for transportation only.

Date: **Saturday, May 11**

Time: **6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

Menopause The Musical: It is a celebration of women, so bring the girls and laugh out loud about our "silent passage." Bring your guy, too. See what millions worldwide have been laughing about for more than 10 years! Rated PG-13 for adult content and language. Tickets on sale until **June 29**. \$43.50 a ticket.

Date: **Saturday, July 13**

Time: **5:45 p.m.**

Heartland Jam 2013: Leisure Travel will be selling one or two day passes to the Heartland Jam. This two day event will feature Phil Vassar, Kellie Pickler, Darius Rucker, Jerrod Niemann, Lauren Alaina, Rodney Atkins and many more performers. Discounted tickets on sale

until **June 29**. One-day ticket = \$44, two-day ticket = \$54.

Date: **Friday, July 19**

Time: **1 p.m.**

Six Flags Great America: Thrill-seekers are sure to enjoy one of our amazing roller coasters. We have a variety of out-of-this-world coasters, including Viper, Batman The Ride and Raging Bull, the world's first hyper-twister coaster. In total, the park has nearly seven miles of thrilling coaster track. Discounted tickets adult/child \$36.

Six Flags St Louis: An amazing theme park featuring awesome rides, great shows, and incredible attractions, plus Hurricane Harbor water park. Discounted one-day admission tickets for adults/children \$36.

Adventureland Park: Adventureland Amusement Park contains more than 100 rides, shows, and attractions including some of the country's most exciting roller coasters and thrill rides that can challenge the most avid amusement park enthusiasts. There are also plenty of rides for less adventurous guests as well as a full complement of children's rides. Discounted tickets \$30.

Movie Night Gift Cards at Leisure

Travel: Stop by the Leisure Travel Office and pick up a gift card for \$27 that is redeemable at the Regal Moline Stadium Theater for two adult movie tickets and \$10 in concessions. These make great for a present for that special someone in your life. The Leisure Travel Office also is once again selling discounted single movie tickets for \$8.50. Call (309) 782-5890 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Child, Youth & School Services



Army Certified Family Child Care

Provider: Would you, or someone you know, be interested in becoming an Army Certified Family Child Care provider for the Arsenal? We are always looking to bring more FCC providers into our program. You would be doing childcare out of your home with access to our lending closet for borrowing supplies, as well as certified training provided through the Arsenal. For questions or more details contact our FCC director Nancy Lawson at (309) 782-0813.



Army Community Service (ACS)



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor SE; Visit our [ACS website](#) or phone (309) 782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. Find us on Facebook [click here](#). 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: (309) 229-8412



Prepare for the Furlough by Saving – Military Saves Campaign:

The pending furlough and its impact on civilian employees could provide a new perspective for the Ready Army Campaign. The Ready Army Campaign is the Army's proactive campaign to increase the resilience of the greater Army community including its civilian employees – we need to enhance the readiness and resiliency of the total force. The furlough provides an opportunity to re-look the Personal Financial Management aspects of our civilian workforce. The PFM campaign that can directly assist is Military Saves. While its focus week is late February, the campaign is year round including the conduct of classes and coaching sessions. Take the pledge and become a better saver. Scientists have found that

people who write out a goal are more likely to achieve that goal. Here is the pledge: "I will help myself by saving money, reducing debt, and building wealth over time. I will help my family and my country by encouraging other Americans to build wealth, not debt." You may take this pledge at www.militarysaves.org – set a goal, make a plan, now. You can handle emergencies – and furloughs - better with savings. Savings is a win-win situation: • If there is no furlough – you have money in the bank. • If the number of furlough days is reduced – you have money in the bank. • If the furlough occurs as planned – you have money in the bank. So what can we all be doing while we wait for the next round of furlough guidance? Prepare! - take the pledge on-line, set a goal, make a plan, and save. Military Saves!

Army Emergency Relief Kicks Off 2013 Campaign: AER begins its annual fundraising drive in April. The theme of this year's campaign is "Soldiers Helping Soldiers for 71 Years." The money is used to fund grants, scholarships and gift cards for wounded warriors. Organizational key persons

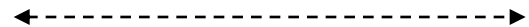


will begin contacting our military personnel and retirees soon. For more information or to make a donation, contact [Jon Cook](#) of Army Community Service at (309) 782-0815.

Army Family Team Building: Army Family Team Building, an educational program that teaches knowledge of the military, personal growth and resiliency, and leadership skills, is being offered on Rock Island Arsenal.



AFTB is offered to the entire military family: military members, family members, civilians, and contractors who live or work within the military community. AFTB Level G (Personal Growth) is **May 15-16**, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; AFTB Level L (Leadership Development) is **June 5-6**, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Classes will be held at Army Community Service, Bldg. 110, 1st Floor, SE. To register for these free classes, please call ACS at (309) 782-0829. Civilians can also sign up on [TEDs](#).

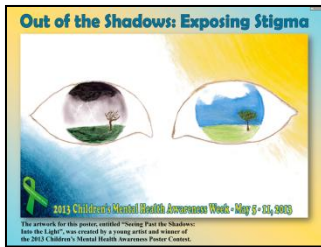


Employee Assistance Program



For free, confidential counseling assistance or for information on services that are available, call (309) 782-4357. Normal business hours are from 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. For additional information on the Employee Assistance Program see [our website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#). The new location for the EAP/ASAP is Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East.

Children's Mental Health Awareness – May 2013: Suicide among youth is a reality, and it is more common than we might think. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among 15 to 24 year olds, claiming more lives than any single disease or condition. Fortunately, the emotional crises that so often precede suicides are both recognizable and treatable, and good prevention tools can help parents identify a problem before it's too late. In honor of National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, **May 5 -11**, the Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program invites you to take advantage of the free and confidential counseling services that the program has



to offer. Schedule an appointment with an EAP counselor by calling (309) 782-4357. Master-level counselors can provide information, short-term counseling, and referral services. The teenage years can be tumultuous – new relationships, decisions about the future, and even physical changes can be difficult to handle. If you have any concerns about your child's mental health, talk it over with a trained professional at the EAP. Warning signs of suicide: Call 9-1-1 or seek immediate help from a mental health provider if you notice the following: • Someone threatening to hurt or kill him/herself, or talking of wanting to hurt or kill him/herself; • Someone looking for ways to kill him/herself by seeking access to firearms, available pills, or other means. Seek help by contacting a mental health professional or calling 1-800-273-TALK for a referral should you notice anyone exhibiting one or more of the following: • Hopelessness; • Rage, uncontrolled anger, seeking revenge; • Acting reckless or engaging in risky activities, seemingly without thinking; • Feeling trapped - like there's no way out; • Increased alcohol or drug use; • Withdrawing from friends, family and society; • Anxiety, agitation, inability to sleep or sleeping all the time; • Dramatic mood changes; • Excessive interest, talk,

or writings focused on death, dying or suicide; • No reason for living; no sense of purpose in life.

PTSD Support Groups: Are you or a loved one experiencing symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder? The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic and Employee Assistance Program are sponsoring support groups to assist you through this difficult challenge. Contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552 for more details.

Understanding PTSD: The RIA EAP is offering educational classes on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Classes will be held in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, Room 122, 10:30-11:30 a.m., on the following dates: **May 21, June 25, July 23, and Aug. 27.** Call (309) 782-4357 to enroll.

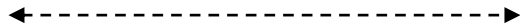
Smoking Cessation Group: Do you want to learn effective ways to kick the habit? The Employee Assistance Program offers an ongoing educational support group for people who would like to quit smoking. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., at the EAP office located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, East Wing.

Stress Management: The Rock Island Arsenal EAP is offering classes on Stress Management. Classes will be held



in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, Room 122, 10:30-11:30 a.m., on the following dates: **May 7, June 11, July 9, and Aug. 13.** Class size is limited. Call (309) 782-4357 to enroll.

Grief Support Group: The Employee Assistance Program is sponsoring a support group for individuals who are mourning the death of a loved one. The group will meet on Tuesdays, 3-4 p.m., in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, Room 122. For more information contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552.



Education/Training Review



The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: (309) 782-2065 Fax: (309) 782-7901. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more.

Tour the Eastern Iowa/Clinton Community College Technology Center:

The Army Education Center invites you to join them on a tour of the CCC Technology Center. Located in Clinton, Iowa, and designed for the working learner and service member, the

CCC Tech Center is the home for the college's programs in graphic arts, Mechatronics, and new re-skilling programs such as logistics technician, truck driving, and CNC machining. Programs are flexible, with some classes offered in eight week blocks scheduled around students' work obligations. Programs offer certificates, diplomas, and degree (AAS) options, or can be taken for non-credit and articulated back to a credit program if and when the student chooses to do so. The tour is scheduled for Thursday, **May 2**, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Instructors will be on hand for equipment demonstrations and Q&A, and a light lunch will be provided. Participation is on a first-come, first-serve basis with priority given to service members. Please direct questions and RSVPs to POC [Stephanie Allers](#). To find out more about the CCC Tech Center, [click here](#), or contact [Heather Mohler](#) at (563) 244-7001 or (800) 637-0559.



Commissary / Exchange



The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only, with the exception of select items (mainly consumable) at

the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you! Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information [HERE](#). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: www.commissaries.com ([Facebook](#))

May Specials Give Nod to Grilling

Season: Clean off the grill and take advantage of your commissary's great savings on fresh Choice Grade-A beef, pork and chicken, during May. Also this month, your favorite brands are offering promotions to help with everyday meal planning and to make Mother's Day and Memorial Day cookouts special. [Find May Promotions Here](#).

More Exclusive Savings on Commissary Website:

Links to seven more popular brand-name websites offering savings, contests and recipes for commissary shoppers, have been added to the [Exclusive Savings](#) area on the commissary website. Through the



[Exclusive Savings](#) link, shoppers are taken to a landing page that now has 16 industry partners participating. A click on any of the links takes you to websites created exclusively for commissary shoppers offering the latest in-store price savings, printable coupons, recipes, promotional giveaways and contests.

Commissary Rewards Card Has More For You:

If you don't yet have a Commissary Rewards Card, there's no time better than now to get one. During May, you can catch the second half of a Kraft promotion offering two free products each week. Each coupon is available on the Commissary Rewards Card portal for one week, or until 5,000 coupons have been accepted by commissary shoppers. After loading the coupon for free product onto your Commissary Rewards Card, the coupon can be used in the commissary any time during the promotion week.

You can get your Commissary Rewards Card on your next visit and [register it online here](#).

Store Director's Scoop: We will be having a Warehouse Sale on the **May 17-18**. Come check out the savings we have in store for you. Do you have an item that we don't carry at Rock Island,

but you have purchased at another commissary? Stop by and see Penny to check if we can get it for you. If you have the UPC it helps our search and ensures we are getting the right item for you. You would be required to purchase the case if we special order it for you. Need a special cut of meat? See Doug and the meat crew, they will be happy to help get exactly what you need. Fruit and vegetable trays are the perfect picnic food. Let us make one or more for you today. We also make beautiful fruit baskets that we offer in three sizes. We do ask that you give us 24 hours notice on these specialty items. We at Rock Island take our customer service to you very seriously. If you feel that you have not received the best possible customer service let me know via email patricia.umana@deca.mil or just call me at (309) 782-4614. I would also love to hear an over and above customer service story too. We appreciate that you shop at the Rock Island Arsenal Commissary ... thank you.

Arsenal Archive

Information for the *Arsenal Archive* is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through

Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))

Rock Island Arsenal Quarters One Book:

The Rock Island Arsenal Quarters One book is now available for purchase from the [RIA Museum and Historical Society website](#). When you click on the link it will take you to the first page. You will also be able to see a preview of the book there.

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Meeting:

Linda Polich will speak about "Genealogy: A Peek Into Your Past." If you join us for dinner, advanced reservations must be made with Linda at (563) 355-6165, by **April 29**. The program is free and open to the public.

Date: **Thursday, May 2**

Time: **6 p.m. Dinner, and 7 p.m.**

Speaker

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – April 29-May5:

On April 29, 1931, construction of the locks on Locks and Dam 15 began. On May 1, 1870, ground breaking on the RIA Commanding Officer's Quarters known as Quarters One began. In May 1874, the guard house building at the main



gate entrance on the western portion of the Island was completed. In May 1962, the RIA established a Tool and Equipment Division. The tool and equipment engineering activities were removed from the RI Ordnance Depot. On May 4, 1836, the U.S. Army troops garrisoned at Fort Armstrong evacuated the post. The RIA received an order on May 5, 1898, two weeks after the U.S. declared war on Spain, for 54,000 outfits of infantry equipment, 5,000 outfits of cavalry accountments, and 5,000 sets of horse equipment.

Healthbeat

Anti-Smoking Ads with Strong Arguments, Not Flashy Editing, Trigger Part of Brain That Changes Behavior, says Penn Study:

Researchers from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania have shown that an area of the brain that initiates behavioral changes had greater activation in smokers who watched anti-smoking ads with strong arguments versus those with weaker ones, and irrespective of flashy elements, like bright and rapidly changing scenes, loud sounds and unexpected scenario twists. Those smokers also had significantly less

nicotine metabolites in their urine when tested a month after viewing those ads, the team reports in a new study published online April 23 in the Journal of Neuroscience. ([More](#))

Health Clinic Announcement: Sick Call hours 7-8 a.m. Clinic closed Staff Meeting/Training **May 31** at 11:30 a.m. For any issues or concerns with the RIAHC clinic please call our customer support line (309) 782-0721.

Notes for Veterans

Senators Urge Obama to Help Resolve Veterans Claims Backlog: A letter signed by a bipartisan group of 67 senators was sent to the White House Monday urging President Obama to take direct action in resolving the backlog of veterans disability claims. "We need direct and public involvement from you to establish a clear plan to end the backlog once and for all," states the letter to Obama, which was put together by Sens. Bob Casey (D-Pa.) and Dean Heller, (R-Nev.) and signed by more than two-thirds of Senate members. The number of disability claims pending with the Department of Veterans Affairs is nearly 900,000, with more than

600,000 in the system for more than 125 days. ([More](#))

First Lady Michelle Obama to Unveil Vets Program: First lady Michelle Obama on Monday will announce the launch of a credentialing program that the White House says will help members of the armed forces leaving military service earn the certification needed for many high-tech jobs in the private sector. Many departing service members have faced problems landing high-tech jobs in the private sector despite military training and experience in the field because they lack the proper civilian certification. The new program is aimed at assisting veterans begin careers in fields such as computer programming and software development. ([More](#))

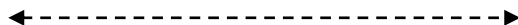
Carpooling Announcements

Submit carpooling announcements via the [Island Insight submission page](#). Please use that page to contact Garrison Public Affairs to take your announcement off once you have found a ride.

Carpool:



- **Carpool:** Looking for a ride and pay. Flexible work hours are to 6 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Call thru Illinois relay at (800) 526-0857 to contact me at (309) 782-1078 (TTY). Email: michael.r.braun.civ@mail.mil
- **Carpool:** Looking to join a carpool from around the Kewanee area. Current hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., but can change. Call me at (563) 782-1115.
- **Carpool:** New hire with flexible hours seeking to pay for ride from Moline 9th & 53rd, (Franklin School area) (309) 757-5755.
- **Carpool:** Commuter traveling from Rio, Ill. on Route 150. Meet in Alpha, Ill. each day. If interested contact me at (309) 782-5472 or email.
- **Carpool:** Looking to join a carpool from Albany or south along Illinois 84 southbound to Bldg. 102. If interested contact me at (309) 782-0841.



Around the Q.C.



May 4: [Ganzo's Nacho Ordinary 5K](#) (3923 North Marquette St., Davenport)
May 4: [Derby Day Party](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse)
May 4: [Venus Envy](#) (Bucktown Center for the Arts, Davenport)

May 11: [11th Annual Miles for Melanoma](#) (Augustana campus)
May 11-12: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figge Art Museum plaza, Davenport)
May 17-18: [All American Hickory Open](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course)
May 18: [6th Annual Quad Cities Armed Forces Day Celebration](#) (Brady Street Stadium, Davenport)
May 25: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
May 27: [Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
June 1: [Mel Foster Color the Quads 5K](#) (Cumberland Square, Bettendorf)
June 1-2: [QC Pridefest 2013, Bursting With Pride](#) (Mary's on 2nd, 832 West 2nd Street, Davenport)
June 7-8: [Gumbo Ya Ya - Mardi Gras in The District](#) (The District, Rock Island)
June 8: [Quad-Cities Comic Book Convention](#) (Ramada Inn, Bettendorf)
June 8: [Quad Cities Cruisers Open Run Car Show](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
June 12-15: [Rally on the River](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
June 14: [Greek Cultural Festival](#) (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, East Moline)
June 16: [Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Davenport to Moline)
June 22: [Royal Ball Run 5K and Fun Run for Autism](#) (Milan Community Center)
June 22-23: [27th Annual Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)
June 23: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)
June 24: [YSB-Whitey Verstraete Memorial Golf Outing](#) (Pinnacle Country Club, Milan, Ill.)

June 25-29: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (Fairgrounds, East Moline)
June 27-29: [Antique Automobile Club of America Grand National Show](#) (John Deere Commons, Moline)
July 3: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (The District, Downtown Davenport)
July 4-6: [Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
July 8-14: [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis)
July 13: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
July 19-21: [USA BMX National Championships](#) (East Moline BMX Speedway)
July 19-20: [Heartland Jam](#) (Centennial Park, Downtown Davenport)
July 26-27: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 27: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 30-Aug. 4: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)
Aug. 1-4: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (LeClaire Park and RiverCenter)
Aug. 8-10: [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa and Port Byron, Ill.)
Aug. 9-10: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Aug. 10: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
Aug. 10-17: [ISC Men's Fastpitch World Tournament](#) (Greenville Sports Complex, Moline)
Aug. 16-17: [River Roots Live](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Aug. 17: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)



Aug. 24: [Quad Cities Irish Festival](#) (Rock Island)

Aug. 22-25: [World Series of Drag Racing](#) (Cordova Dragway)

Aug. 31-Sept. 1: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)

Sept. 7: [Case Creek Obstacle Survival 5K Run](#) (Coal Valley, Ill.)

Sept. 7: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)

Sept. 7: [¡VIVA! Quad Cities](#) (Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf)

Sept. 7-8: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Sept. 14: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)

Sept. 21: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

Sept. 21: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

Sept. 21-22: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)

Sept. 22: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)

Sept. 27-29: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)

Oct. 12: [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (On the Mississippi River in Moline)

Oct. 12: [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)

Oct. 24: [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)

Oct. 26: [Witches Walk](#) (Downtown LeClaire)

Oct. 26: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Sylvan Island)

Oct. 26-27: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo, Milan)

Nov. 15-24: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

Nov. 16: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Nov. 16: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons and Holiday Pops Concert](#) (Downtown Moline)

Dec. 1: [19th Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)

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